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APPLICANT : Kimle, et al.
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TITLE : METHOD OF ELECTRONICALLY INITIATING AND
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A. Overview

Claims 1-23 and 25-27 are pending in the present application. Claim 24 has been withdrawn from consideration without prejudice to pursue it in a related application.

The sole rejection of claims 1-23 and 25-27 is for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on a combination of references. Applicant has submitted evidence under Rule

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